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SUBJECT: NEW GOVERNOR OF PARANA STATE: EMILIO GOMES

BEGIN SUMMARY: THE PREVALENT VIEW IN PARANA IS THAT THE APPOINTMENT OF EMILIO GOMES TO SUCCEED THE LATE PEDRO GIRIATO PARIGOT DE SOUZA AS GOVERNOR OF PARANA STATE IS A PERSONAL VICTORY FOR SENATOR NEY BRAGA, A FORMER GOVERNOR OF THE STATE, AND HIS FORMER PDC (CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY) TO WHICH SENATOR FRANCISCO RODRIQUEZ DA COSTA ACCIOLY FILHO ALSO BELONGE. END SUMMARY.

1. SENATOR ACCIOLY FILHO, THE HEAD OF THE ARENA PARTY IN PARANA, WAS DESIGNATED TO SOUND OUT THE POLITICAL CURRENTS AND REPORTED IN TO BRASILIA, WHERE THE SELECTION OF THE NEW GOVERNOR WAS MADE. SENATOR NEY BRAGA HAS AN IMPORTANT INPUT INTO THAT DECISION, AND HAS ALSO BEEN PLAYING THE LEADING ROLE IN THE SELECTION OF EMILIO GOMES'S NEW CABINET AND OF OTHER IMPORTANT OFFICIALS IN THE STATE. FOR EXAMPLE, NEY BRAGA'S OWN BROTHER, GUILHERME LACERDA BRAGA, HAS BEEN DESIGNATED CHIEF OF THE CIVIL HOUSEHOLD, A KEY JOB.

2. CONGEN TRAVELED TO CURITIBA AUGUST 3 WITH NEY BRAGA, AND
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SUBSEQUENTLY LUNCHEDED WITH ACTING GOVERNOR JOAO MANSUR,

SENATOR ACCIOLY FILHO AND NEWLY DESIGNATED STATE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION, CANDIDO MANOEL MARTINS DE OLIVEIRA (A FORMER LEADER GRANTEE), WHILE NEY BRAGA AND EMILIO GOMES WERE CLOSETED ACROSS TOWN. THE SPECULATION AT LUNCH WAS THAT ALTHOUGH THE BASIC CABINET HAD BEEN NAMED, A FEW MORE APPOINTMENTS WOULD EMERGE FROM THE NEW SESSION.

3. CLEAR EVIDENCE OF THE PDC INFLUENCE IN THE NEW GOVERNMENT WAS THE SELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF THE BANK OF PARANA OF AFFONSO ALVES CAMARGO NETO, A FORMER PDC MEMBER WHO JOINED THE MDB IN AN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO BE ELECTED SENATOR IN 1966. THIS APPOINTMENT HAS CAUSED SOME REVERBERATIONS IN PARANA, BECAUSE ARENA PARTY LEADERS RECALL THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT PERMIT CAMARGO, THEN VICE-GOVERNOR, TO SUCCEED GOVERNOR NEY BRAGA, WHEN THE LATTER WAS APPOINTED MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE IN 1965 UNDER CASTELO BRANCO.

4. SENATOR ACCIOLY FILHO DESCRIBED THE PROGRAM OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT AS ONE BASICALLY INTERESTED IN FOSTERING THE INDUSTRIALIZATION OF PARANA, PRIMARILY PROCESSING INDUSTRIES FOR THE CROPS AND LUMBER PRODUCED IN THE STATE. A SECRETARY OF PLANNING WILL BE PART OF THE STATE CABINET FOR THE FIRST TIME, BUT ACCIOLY FILHO CONCEDED THAT GIVEN THE AMOUNT OF TIME WHICH REASONABLE PLANS REQUIRE, LITTLE COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED IN THE GOMES REGIME, WHICH HAS A LIFE OF LESS THAN TWO YEARS. THE SENATOR ALSO STRESSED THE ATTEMPT TO BRING IN MORE POLITICIANS, RATHER THAN JUST TECHNICIANS AS UNDER PARIGOT, AND THE DESIRE TO INTEREST YOUNG MEN IN THE NEW ADMINISTRATION. THE SELECTION OF CANDIDO, 33 YEARS OF AGE AND ONE OF THE FASTEST RISING POLITICIANS IN THE STATE, SATISFIES THESE REQUIREMENTS. CANDIDO, IT IS REPORTED, INSISTED THAT HE BE EXEMPTED FROM THE PLEDGE EXTRACTED FROM THE OTHER DESIGNEES THAT THEY SERVE OUT EMILIO GOMES'S FULL TERM. CANDIDO IS THUS FREE TO RESIGN IN TIME TO RUN FOR THE SEAT OF A FEDERAL DEPUTY IN THE 1974 ELECTIONS, WHEREAS TO STAY IN THE SECRETARIAT OF EDUCATION WOULD BE AN ELECTORAL DEADEND, WITH FUTURE POSITIONS DEPENDENT UPON THE WHIM OF THOSE IN OFFICE, CANDIDO IS ALSO REPORTEDLY CLOSE TO FORMER GOVERNOR PAULO PIMENTEL, THUS REPRESENTING A BOW IN HIS DIRECTION.

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5. COMMENT: WHILE SENATOR NEY BRAGA AND HIS EX-PDC FRIENDS HAVE OBTAINED THE LION'S SHARE OF APPOINTMENTS IN THE NEW GOVERNMENT, NEITHER ACTING GOVERNOR JOAO MANSUR NOR EX-GOVERNOR PAULO PIMENTEL HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN. JOAO MANSUR GAVE EMILIO GOMES HIS FIRST PUBLIC POST WHEN MAYOR JOAO MANSUR APPOINTED GOMES CITY ENGINEER OF THEIR HOMETOWN, IRATI. JOAO MANSUR IS ONE OF THE WEALTHIEST LEADERS IN THE PARANA ARENA PARTY, AND HE ENJOYS HIS ROLE AS PARTY

LEADER IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, WHICH IS HIS HOBBY.
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